

Lackawanna County.

CARBONDALE.

The Carbondale correspondence of The Tribune has been placed in the hands of Mr. C. E. Munn, Salem avenue and Church street, to whom news items may be addressed. All complaints as to irregular delivery, etc., should be made to John W. Shannon, news agent.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

This City Should Have a Bacteriologist on Its Board of Health.
The appended leaflet, which explains itself, was received yesterday from the executive office of the health department of the state:

C. E. Munn, Esq., Secretary Board of Health, Carbondale, Pa.

Dear Sir: The state board of health has learned with regret, through the proposal of the University of Pennsylvania to extend the opportunities afforded by its well equipped laboratory of hygiene, with its corps of chemists and bacteriologists, to local health authorities throughout the state.

The necessity for having in each considerable population center in connection with the local board of health, either as a member or an appointee, a physician who has had special training in modern methods of sanitation, including both chemical and bacteriological examination of water and of food products, is every day becoming more apparent and will soon be demanded by the public.

The board proposes to make the possession of such knowledge and skill a necessary qualification for its own appointments, as well as for the recommendation of applicants for positions on local boards.

I cannot too strongly urge this important and timely proposition on the university upon your attention.

I have the honor to be yours respectfully,
Benjamin Lee,
Secretary State Board of Health of Pennsylvania.

Some time ago this question was discussed during a diphtheria epidemic, it being the intention to secure the services of a bacteriologist for the purpose of making cultures for the detection of Leffer bacilli. The advantage of having such a scientist in coming more generally recognized in this community and as the board of health has already thought favorably of the plan, it only remains for councils to make the necessary appropriation in order to have the state secretary's suggestion carried out.
Carbondale is entitled to all possible protection from impure food, water and milk supplies.

SHIELD OF HONOR EXTENDING.

The Grand lodge officers of the Shield of Honor intend to hold a series of meetings during the week to explain the principles of their order. They will hold meetings in Glenhead Thursday evening, Dec. 13, at Scranton Saturday evening, Dec. 15, in Co-operative hall, North Main avenue, Hyde Park, to which all interested and the public are cordially invited. Special invitation is given to anthracite miners. They will also institute a lodge of this order in Vandling at this time, as the workingman's insurance of America. Come and hear what these men have to say and bring your wives with you. All are made welcome.

HOW ABOUT THIS?

According to a half column article in last evening's Herald the foundation of Alderman Lowry's official position is not so firm as it might be. It seems that after his election in the Sixth ward in 1894 he failed to qualify, and that in '95 he had a ballot cast upon the strength of which he took office. Now his opponents claim the proceeding will not stand because the voters did not know an alderman was to be elected in 1895. There are several aspirants who will be heard from in case the office is declared vacant.

A BIG CAVE.

A big cave occurred on the West Side, near the fan-house, Saturday night, in the old workings of No. 3. The earth settled about thirty feet, leaving a hole fifty feet in diameter. Fortunately, no buildings are situated near the disturbance. Within a couple of years several caves have occurred in that vicinity, one of them extending across half the roadway on Scott street.

PURELY PERSONAL.

Miss Emma Swigert visited friends in Scranton yesterday.
Miss Martha Harbs spent Sunday in Peckville.
Mrs. Bridget Walsh, of Pike street, is entertaining her granddaughter, Mrs. Ann Barrett, of Dunmore.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dennis, of South Wyoming street, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. August Smith, of Calkins,

Happy, healthy childhood! Every childless woman feels a tugging at her heart, strings of which are for her another woman's happy, healthy, milkling baby. Motherhood is woman's supremest duty and her greatest happiness. Even in childhood she shows how deeply this sentiment is implanted in her breast when she plays with her days with her thousands of otherwise happy wives in the town who only lack the thrilling touch of a first-born's fingers to complete their happiness.
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The family of the late Mrs. David J. Thomas wish to extend their sincerest gratitude to those who so kindly showed their friendship during their recent troubles.
The raffle for the benefit of Mrs. Henry Bonna, of Grove street, will take place this month at Weber's rink.
Thomas Leonard, of Scranton, spent the Sabbath with friends in town.
The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company's collieries in this place and vicinity are scheduled to work three and four days this week.
Miss Letitia Greenwald, of Green Ridge, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William G. Howells, of Main street, on Sunday.
Mr. Thomas Elias, of North Taylor,

who has been confined to his home by sickness, is slowly recovering.
Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor, of North Main street, were the guests of relatives in Hyde Park yesterday.
Mrs. Thomas H. Johns, of Union street, who was stricken with apoplexy on Saturday, is somewhat improved.
The Taylor Choral union will hold a rehearsal on Thursday evening at the vestry of the Welsh Congregational church.

PECKVILLE.

A Hungarian by the name of Gezza Melnar was killed yesterday afternoon about 2.15 o'clock while walking the track of the Delaware and Hudson railroad at the Peckville depot. He was struck by engine No. 11, going south. His home was in America, Schuylkill county, and he came here in search of his brother-in-law. The remains were ordered to be removed to the undertaking establishment of J. H. Kinback, accompanied by Detective Criggin.
Our public night school will close on Friday evening, December 17, until January 3, 1898.

Mr. and Mrs. William Love, Mr. and Mrs. John Hoffman, and Mrs. John Hays, all of Peckville, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Barber, of Main street.

It has been rumored that the Wilson Fire company will have a barrel of ale for the fair to be disposed of. But I will say it is not true. The D. & H. Brewing company gave one barrel of ale to the company and I bought the ale and paid the company first cost for it. There will be no ale or any intoxicating drinks on the premises during the fair. T. Spenglerberg, of the Delaware and Hudson collieries in this vicinity received word yesterday to start this morning on three-quarter time until further orders. They have been working nine hours.

THE NEGRO'S DECLINE.

Some Testimony of a Startling Character Relative to the Vitality of the Colored Race.
From the Medical Record.

The race problem in the south seems destined to be settled according to natural laws unless something is done, and done soon, to save the negro from the results of his own vices and neglect of elementary hygienic laws. The testimony of those who have studied this subject is all but unanimous, and it has received additional confirmation through the reports of R. H. Johnson, of Brunswick, Ga., himself a colored physician. The figures which he has gathered from a study of the vital statistics of nearly three hundred towns in the southern states show that the death rate of negroes is double that of whites in the same communities, and not only this, but the birth rate is also smaller among the colored than among the white population. Furthermore, the day of the stalwart negro is passing, if not already gone, and the members of the younger generation of the race make a poor showing as regards their size and physical constitution, when compared with their grandfathers and grandmothers.
Dr. Johnson attributes this degeneration of his race rightly to the plantation carelessness, want of forethought, and dissipation so unfortunately characteristic of a large portion of the colored population in the south since the civil war. "In antebellum days," says Dr. Johnson, "the negro seemed to be an immune to consumption, and many great medical writers and teachers boast of never having seen such among the negroes. Enforced temperate living and sanitary precautions made the black man a physical giant, but the giants are disappearing, and in their place is coming on a race of smaller stature and decreased vitality."

IN SLAVERY DAYS.

In the days of slavery the colored man was property and was looked after with all the care which men are accustomed to give to the safe-keeping of their possessions. Their health was carefully attended to by the physician, they were decently housed, well fed, forced to live temperately, and to go to bed in proper season. But the fortunes of war, while giving them liberty, gave them also license to indulge in all the overeating and physically degrading habits of the white man at a time when they had not learned the necessity of self-restraint and of regard for the laws of health.

"That this is the true reason of the colored man's physical deterioration is further shown by what Surgeon-General Holmes is apt to say, in his recently issued annual report concerning the health of the colored soldiers. "Great improvement," he says, "has taken place in the past few years in the sanitary condition of the colored troops. The white troops have participated in the improvement, although their rates have not fallen so rapidly as those of the colored men. During the past year the total hospital admission rate for all causes among the colored troops was 85.88 per 1,000 of strength, as compared with 1,322.49 among the white, and as compared with 915.88 among themselves in the previous year, and 1,598.94, their own annual average for the previous decade, the annual average of the white troops having been 1,241.95. The non-efficiency from all causes among the colored troops during 1914, near was 25.75 per 1,000 of strength, as compared with 31.72 among the white troops. This colored soldier lost 442 days from disability during the year; the white soldier, 12.71; and the average time of treatment of each case was, among the colored troops, 17.53 days; among the white, 11.22 days. The causes of disability from which the colored men suffered less than the white troops were malaria fever, venereal diseases, alcoholism, diarrhoea, and injuries, those from which they suffered most were neuralgia, rheumatism and myasthenia, diphtheria and constipation, conjunctivitis and pneumonia."

ENCOURAGEMENT.

These figures contain much to encourage those who have the future of our colored brothers at heart and who have looked with sorrow upon their downward progress since the day of their emancipation. The figures show, indeed, that the race is capable of regeneration, since even now its members living under the sanitary and moral restraint of army discipline are found to be superior to their white comrades living under the same conditions. The proof exists that the colored race may yet be brought back to its former sanitary condition, but the problem remains how to bring it from the abyss of misery and how to avert its threatened extinction. Here is a task for the colored members of our profession, which they can accomplish far better than their white confederates, and which calls for their thought and self-sacrificing devotion.
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MOSQUITOES AND TEMPERATURE.

First, a few words about the mosquitoes. During the summer and until September they are a veritable plague. They seem to feed on smoke, and as to fire, they appear to revel in it. The only way to escape them is to cover one's self with mosquito netting. Indeed, it is impossible to prospect in the summer time unless a man be an old miner and well hardened, for all day long and twenty-four hours in the day these mosquitoes are after you. It is no use trying to get rid of them. Of course they are not an annoyance in the winter time, but, although we have no mosquitoes then, I will show you, on the other hand, what you may expect in the way of temperature. I have made some extracts from my meteorological records, which I will here present. They cover the period from August, 1895, to November, 1896, and show the highest and lowest temperatures reached, as follows:

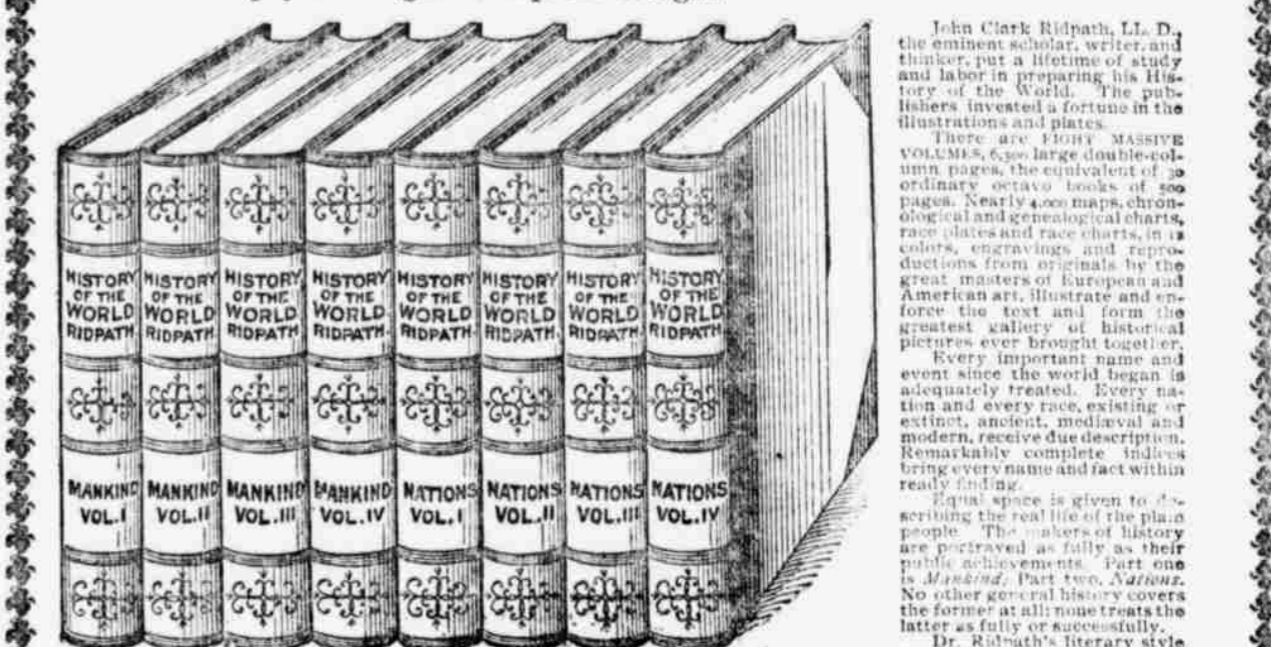
| Month | Highest | Lowest |
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| August | 32 and below, 6 times | 12 and below, 11 times |
| September | 40 and below, 13 times | 12 and below, 18 times |
| October | 40 and below, 25 times | 32 and below, 21 times |
| November | 32 and below, 30 times | 12 and below, 11 times |
| December | 12 and below, 11 times | 12 and below, 11 times |
| January | 32 and below, 11 times | 12 and below, 11 times |
| February | 32 and below, 11 times | 12 and below, 11 times |
| March | 32 and below, 11 times | 12 and below, 11 times |
| April | 32 and below, 11 times | 12 and below, 11 times |
| May | 32 and below, 11 times | 12 and below, 11 times |
| June | 32 and below, 11 times | 12 and below, 11 times |
| July | 32 and below, 11 times | 12 and below, 11 times |
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